

News of the Week.

Frightful News!!

The President KILLED.

AN ASSASSIN SHOTS HIM IN THE THEATRE.

FULL PARTICULARS.

Official Account.

AN ACTOR THE ASSASSIN.

HE SHOT THE PRESIDENT IN THE HEAD.

Abraham Lincoln is Dead.

SEC. SEWARD

Also STABBED.

His SON Dangerously wounded.

Intense Excitement.

Further Particulars.

ASSASSINATIONS.

Two villains concerned.

THE MURDER PREMEDITATED.

They cannot escape.

Sec. Seward still alive.

Attempt on Sec. Stanton.

Feeling in the Cities.

FROM SHERMAN.

His forces advancing.

Capture of Mobile.

Two forts assaulted.

5700 PRISONERS TAKEN.

SLIGHT RESISTANCE AT THE CITY.

Lee's Surrender.

16,000 men, 170 guns and 700 wagons.

ROSSER'S MEN DESERT IN A BODY.

REPORTED SURRENDER OF IMBODEN.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, April 15—1:30 A. M.

To Maj. Gen. Dix.

Last evening at about 9:30 P. M., at Ford's Theatre, the President, while sitting in his private box with Mrs. Lincoln, was shot by an assassin who suddenly entered the box and aimed his pistol at the President.

The assassin then leaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife, and made his escape in the rear of the theatre.

The pistol ball entered the back of the President's head and penetrated nearly through the head; the wound is mortal.

The President has been senseless ever since the wound was inflicted and is now dying.

The assassin immediately rushed to the bed and inflicted two or three shots in the throat and two on the arm.

It is hoped that the wounds may not prove mortal. My apprehension is that they will prove mortal.

The nurse attended Mr. Frederick Seward who was in an adjoining room, and he was injured in the forehead by a bullet from the assassin's pistol.

The recovery of Frederick Seward is doubtful.

It is not probable that the President will live through the night.

Gen. Grant and wife were admitted to be at the theatre last evening, but he started for Burlington, N. J., last evening.

At a Cabinet meeting at which Gen. Grant was present the subject of the state of the country and the country was discussed.

The President was very kind and very cheerful and spoke very kindly of Gen. Lee and others of the Confederacy, and the establishment of a government in Virginia.

All the members of the Cabinet except Mr. Seward, are now in attendance upon the President.

I have seen Mr. Seward but he and Frederick were both unconscious.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, April 15.

To Maj. Gen. Dix.

Abraham Lincoln died this morning at 22 minutes past 7 o'clock.

E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

Mrs. Laura Keane who was coming on the stage at the time of the shooting testified that J. W. Booth the actor is the assassin.

The assassin was the widest possible description, and of course, there was an abrupt termination of the theatrical performance.

There was a rush towards the President's head and back of the temporal bone and some of the brain was coming out.

A common single-barrelled pocket pistol was found on the carpet.

The shock to the community is terrible. The parting of his family with the dying President is too sad for description. The President and Mrs. Lincoln did not start for the theatre until 15 minutes past 8 o'clock. Spenser Colfax was at the White House at that time and the President stated to him that he was going through the papers had announced that he and Gen. Grant were to be present, and as Gen. Grant

had gone North he did not wish audience to be disappointed. He with apparent reluctance, and urged Colfax to go with him, but Colfax had made other arrangement, and as Ashmun, of Mass., bid him good-bye, President Johnson is in the city. His quarters are guarded by troops.

WAR DEPT., WASHINGTON, April 15, 9:45 A. M.

To Maj. Gen. Dix.

Secretary Seward remains without change. Frederick Seward's skull is fractured in two places, besides a severe cut upon the head. The attendant is still alive, but Seward's wounds are not dangerous.

It is now ascertained with reasonable certainty that two assassins were engaged in the horrible crime, J. Wilkes Booth being the one that shot the President. The other was a companion of his, whose name is not known, but whose description is so clear that he can hardly escape. It appears from a letter found in Booth's trunk that the murder was planned before the fourth March but it fell through because the accomplice lacked of skill. Booth could be heard from the stable at 6 o'clock last evening and left with his horses about 7 o'clock, or shortly before that hour. It would seem that they had for several days been seeking their chance, but for some reason, reason it was not carried into effect till last night. One of them has evidently made his way to Baltimore. The other has not yet been traced.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

To the Independent News Room.

A special dispatch from Washington says, Mr. Frederick Seward is dead. Sec. Seward is but just alive.

BOSTON, April 15.

All places of business are being closed today.

WASHINGTON, April 15.

The assassin of the President left behind him his hat and a spur. The hat was picked up in the President's box, and has been identified as one belonging to the suspected man. The spur was dropped upon the stage, and that spurs have been identified as one procured at a stable where the same man hired a horse in the morning.

Two gentlemen, who went to the Secretary of War to inquire of the attack on Mr. Lincoln, met at the residence of the former a man named in a cloak, who, when asked by them, hastened away.

It had been Mr. Stanton's intention to accompany Mr. Lincoln to the theatre and see the same box as a piece of business.

It therefore seems evident that the aim of the plotters was to paralyze the country by the assassination of the President.

As soon as the dreadful news was announced in the streets, Superintendent Richards and his assistants were at work to discover the assassin. In a few moments the telegraph had aroused the whole police force of the city. Mayor Wallace and several members of the city government were on the spot and every precaution was made to preserve order and quiet.

Every street was patrolled at the request of Mr. Richards. Gen. Augur sent horses to mount the police. Every road leading out of Washington was strongly picketed, and every possible avenue of escape thoroughly guarded. Steamboats about to start down the Potomac were stopped.

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(Special to the Free Press.)

MONTPELIER, April 17.

Saturday all stores and places of business were closed. Flags and dwellings were draped in mourning. The bells tolled and the Hospital Band played dirges.

Sunday all churches were draped in mourning. Rev. Mr. Lord preached a sermon on the death of President Lincoln and the death of President Lincoln and the death of President Lincoln.

At the Court House in the P. M., Rev. Mr. Badger of Boston, a Unitarian clergyman, delivered an eloquent address on the death of the Father of Freedom and Union. It was listened to by a large assembly of citizens and soldiers and created a profound impression.

WASHINGTON, April 16.

Sec. Stanton inclines to believe that the murderer Booth is secreted in the city but he and his accomplice have escaped it was across the eastern branch.

The movements of Booth on Friday this morning were followed by a large number of people who collected at the National and Capitol grounds. The clerk informed them that he was not in. After an earnest conversation between themselves they left. Knowing Booth's acquaintance with the respectable clerk thought it strange that he should be called upon by such a large body of people. They had the general appearance of southern negroes. They left their cards, which the clerk did not look at.

About H. A. M., Booth was in the office, but he was unusually pale. At 4 P. M. he asked the clerk if any letters had been left for him and on being answered in the negative appeared disappointed, and nervously called for a sheet of paper and envelope. He was about to write, but at 5 o'clock he was called to the office. He was called to the office. He was called to the office.

He had written but a few words when he said earnestly to the clerk: "Merrick, is this the year 1865?" Merrick said he knew it. Merrick said this was entirely at variance with his usual department.

He sealed his letter, put it in his pocket, and left. He responded, "No, I do not," and left his key at the office as he went out.

Mr. Brady saw him on the Avenue opposite Glover's Theatre seated on a horse and had just put his horse in motion. He was with Mr. Matthew Brady. He talked with him but noticed nothing extraordinary in his demeanor.

The assassin of Sec. Seward is believed to be a man named Sutter, a colored man, who was seen at the residence of the Secretary of War. At least six persons were engaged in the conspiracy but four neglected to perform their parts.

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